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1. MINISTRY OF ECONOMY HAS DISTRIBUTED 1975 BEEF EXPORT QUOTA AMONG SEVEN PLANTS ON BASIS OF 30.8 MILLION POUNDS PROPOSED BY U.S. REFTEL A.

2. ONE COMPANY OPERATING TWO PLANTS, EL GANADERO AND PAASA, WAS GIVEN 49 PERCENT OF QUOTA, 10,474,464 AND 4,565,536 LBS., RESPECTIVELY; EXGUAPAGRA 31 PERCENT, 9,600,000 LBS., AND REMAINING FOUR PLANTS 5 PERCENT OR 1,540,000 LBS. EACH.

3. PRESS ANNOUNCED THAT ALL PLANTS AGREED TO DIVISION OF QUOTE THIS TOTAL ESTABLISHED FOR GUATEMALA IN THE U.S. MARKET UNQUOTE. ACTUALLY, THE FOUR NEWEST AND SMALLEST PLANTS AGREED BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO ONE OF THEM, IT WAS THAT OR NOTHING. PRESENT LAW, DECREE 13-72, PROVIDES THAT EL GANADERO, PAASA, AND EXGUAPAGRA, AS THREE ORIGINAL EXPORTERS,

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ARE ENTITLED TO BASIC QUOTA OF 40 MILLION POUNDS.

TWO PLANTS AND NATION'S CATTLEMEN ARE SEEKING TO
AMEND LAW TO GIVE QUOTA CONTROL TO CATTLE
PRODUCERS THEMSELVES, BUT OTHER THREE PLANTS
SUPPORT LARGE COMPANY WHICH OPPOSES CHANGE.
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